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Major General Joseph Y. Carroll
Director, Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear General Carroll:

Please refer to my communication of June 27, 1950, captioned "David Greenglass, Espionage - R," addressed to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, a copy of which was transmitted to you. For your attention there is being set forth hereinafter information concerning one Seymour Feit, a relative of David Greenglass.

Seymour Feit was recently arrested by the Immigration Service at Phoenix, Arizona, on a charge of having transported illegally a Mexican alien from Mexico into the United States. When interviewed by an immigration inspector, Feit advised that he knew why he had been arrested; namely, because he was the cousin of David Greenglass. He said that since he did not desire to become involved in the Greenglass matter he had used aliases of Simon Feit and Simon Gonzalez.

Seymour Feit was subsequently interviewed on September 15, 1950, by Agents of this Bureau. On this occasion he said that he had last seen David Greenglass in New York City in about 1941. He has not seen nor corresponded with David Greenglass since that time. He admitted that he knew Julius Rosenberg but claimed that he has not seen the individual since about 1940 or perhaps even before that time. He alleged that he hardly knows Rosenberg, that he was never recruited for Soviet espionage by Julius Rosenberg or anyone else, that he never served as a courier for Rosenberg or anyone else and that he has never furnished any type of information to either Rosenberg or Greenglass. Feit was unable to provide any

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information concerning the activities, contacts or associates of either Julius Rosenberg or David Greenglass. He stated that David and Ethel Greenglass were his first cousins and lived in the same apartment building in New York City as he. During 1939 and 1940 Feit occasionally visited the apartment where David and Ethel Greenglass lived. He believes that during one of these visits he met Julius Rosenberg, who was at that time keeping company with Ethel Greenglass. He was introduced to Julius Rosenberg but claims that he never talked to him privately. It is Feit's recollection that he was told that Rosenberg was an engineer. However, he did not know where Rosenberg worked or just what type of engineer he was. Feit observed that he had read in the papers that Ethel Greenglass was married to a Julius Rosenberg and he assumed that the latter is identical with the individual whom he met in Ethel Greenglass' apartment in New York City during 1939 and 1940. Feit advised that he probably saw Rosenberg a total of five or six times during 1939 and 1940. He has never seen Rosenberg at any other place than the Greenglass apartment in New York City.

At the time of Feit's arrest by the Immigration Service he was employed as a fry cook in the Officers' Club, Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Arizona. It was determined that he has been so employed since approximately July 25, 1950, at a salary of \$150 per month. During the period of this employment he has resided in a cabin at Queens Creek, Arizona. He has stated that he obtained his position in the Officers' Club through the Arizona Employment Service, Mesa, Arizona. Investigation has disclosed that Seymour Feit was privately employed by the Officers' Club and was not an employee of the United States Government.

The above information is provided you in view of Feit's employment in the Officers' Club at Williams Air Base.

Sincerely yours,

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SAC, NEW YORK

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DAVID GREENGLASS, was.
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In the signed statement taken from David Greenglass on August 16, 1950, information was set forth with respect to information provided by him to Rosenberg in September, 1945, regarding reducing the amount of plutonium to be used in an atomic bomb.

With reference to the above, the Atomic Energy Commission has advised that this information was classified as Top Secret in 1945 and is presently classified as Secret Restricted Data with limited circulation.

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JULIUS ROSENBERG, with aliases;
DAVID GREENGLASS, with aliases;
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You have previously been furnished in report form the contents of a signed statement taken from David Greenglass on August 16, 1950, with respect to information which he provided to Julius Rosenberg relative to reducing the amount of plutonium which was to be used in the atomic bomb.

The pertinent content of this signed statement was furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission who, on September 25, 1950, advised that this information was classified as "Top Secret" in 1945 and is presently classified as secret "Restricted Data" with limited circulation.

Your attention is also directed to our memorandum to you dated August 8, 1950, in connection with the investigation of Rosenberg and the problem of making public at a trial certain classified atomic energy data. It was suggested in our reference memorandum that you would desire to have this matter resolved well in advance of any trial by conferences between your office and Atomic Energy Commission authorities, or by conferences between the Atomic Energy authorities and the appropriate United States Attorney.

This matter has again been called to our attention by the Atomic Energy Commission, and it is suggested that you may desire to contact the Atomic Energy Commission relative to this matter well in advance of the trial of Julius Rosenberg in the Southern District of New York.

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DATE: September 27, 1950

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: DAVID GREENGLASS, was;
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Transmitted herewith to Albuquerque are translations of articles written by LOUIS SCHAEFFER concerning the subject which appeared in the New York newspaper "Jewish Daily Forward" on 8/29, 30/50 and 9/2/50.

These translations were forwarded to the Bureau by letter 9/19/50 entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESPIONAGE-R."

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Assistant Attorney General James N. McInerney

September 29, 1950

Director, FBI

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DAVID GREENGLASS
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There is transmitted herewith for your information a copy of the following-described report:

Report of Special Agent Charlie L. Tignor dated September 13, 1950, at Phoenix, Arizona.

As additional reports in this matter are received, they will be provided you.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SEYMOUR FEIT, first cousin of DAVID GREENGLASS, states he has not seen or corresponded with DAVID GREENGLASS since 1941; has not seen JULIUS ROSENBERG since prior to October 1940 and was not recruited by ~~him~~ and has not furnished any information to either DAVID GREENGLASS or JULIUS ROSENBERG. FEIT, a fry cook in Officers' Club, Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Ariz., furnished no information concerning contacts, associates or activities of DAVID GREENGLASS or JULIUS ROSENBERG.

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DETAILS:

At Phoenix, Arizona

On September 7, 1950, Inspector EAGER of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Goodrich Building, Phoenix, Arizona, advised Assistant SAC, WEBER M. CLEGG that he had on that date arrested one SEYMOUR FEIT, with aliases Simon Feit, Simon Gonzalez, on a charge of having illegally transported a Mexican alien from Mexico into the United States. Inspector EAGER advised that when interviewed SEYMOUR FEIT told him the reason he was arrested was because he was a cousin of DAVID GREENGLASS and that he had utilized the

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aliases because he did not want to become involved in the GREENGLASS matter.

SEYMOUR FEIT, upon being interviewed at the Maricopa County Jail, Phoenix, Arizona, by SA FREDERIC A. BROWNELL and reporting agent, advised the following:

He has never used the name of SIMON GONZALEZ and stated there was no basis to the charge that he illegally transported a Mexican alien into the United States. He did not care to discuss the facts pertaining to the charge for which he was arrested. He was born on the second floor at 64 Sheriff Street, Manhattan, New York City, March 26, 1919. He spent the first few years of his life at this address. His mother, FRIEDA FEIT, is believed to be presently residing at 171 Norfolk Street, Manhattan, New York. His twin brother, WALTER FEIT, is presently residing with his mother.

His brother, CHARLES JOSEPH FEIT, age twenty-nine, was married in New York City during June, 1949. He does not now know the present address in New York City of his brother CHARLES JOSEPH FEIT. Throughout his life his Aunt TESSIE GREENGLASS has resided on the first floor of the building located at 64 Sheriff Street, Manhattan, New York City.

TESSIE GREENGLASS has two children, DAVID GREENGLASS and ETHEL GREENGLASS, both of whom are his first cousins. His family moved from the Sheriff Street address about the time he reached school age and moved to an unknown address in Brooklyn. From there his family moved to an unknown address on Columbia Street. His father and mother separated while he was a young boy and his father subsequently died at 64 Sheriff Street, Manhattan, New York City. His mother was not permitted to go to his father's funeral, which is an indication of the antagonism existing between the two family factions.

During a major portion of the 1930's his mother, his brothers, and he were on relief. During about 1939 and 1940 his mother and brother, WALTER FEIT operated a grocery store located on Sheriff Street between Revington and Stanton Streets in Manhattan, New York City. During 1939 and 1940 he worked at times in this grocery store and occasionally delivered groceries. Occasionally he delivered groceries to the home of Aunt TESSIE GREENGLASS at 64 Sheriff Street, Manhattan, New York City. During those two years he visited in the home of TESSIE GREENGLASS on Sundays a very few times. During those years the home of TESSIE GREENGLASS was generally regarded as a meeting place for the entire family tree. His mother, FRIEDA FEIT, has always discouraged her sons from visiting in the home of TESSIE GREENGLASS. However during his earlier years, he and his brothers would occasionally visit in the home of TESSIE GREENGLASS particularly for the purpose of attempting to secure some small change from members of the family. During 1939 and 1940 while visiting in the home of TESSIE GREENGLASS he met a man whom he believes to be JULIUS ROSENBERG. During that time ROSENBERG was dating ETHEL GREENGLASS. He was introduced to JULIUS ROSENBERG but never had a private conversation with Julius Rosenberg.

Mrs. Lillian Rosenberg

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His only discussion with JULIUS ROSENBERG took place in the GREENGLASS home in the presence of several other persons—all relatives. He believes he was told that JULIUS ROSENBERG was an engineer. He does not believe he was told what type of engineer JULIUS ROSENBERG was, where he worked, or any other information concerning ROSENBERG. He does not know whether or not JULIUS ROSENBERG drove an automobile, and does not know where JULIUS ROSENBERG then resided and knows absolutely nothing concerning any friends, contacts, associates, or activities on the part of JULIUS ROSENBERG. He has read in the newspapers that ETHEL GREENGLASS is married to JULIUS ROSENBERG. He has assumed that JULIUS ROSENBERG, who has been arrested on an espionage charge is identical with the man who used to come to 64 Sheriff Street, to see ETHEL GREENGLASS, during years 1939 and 1940. He probably saw JULIUS ROSENBERG a total of only five or six times during 1939 and 1940 and has never seen JULIUS ROSENBERG at any place other than at the residence of TESSIE GREENGLASS, 64 Sheriff Street, Manhattan, New York City.

He left his home in New York City and left New York soon after he registered in October, 1940, for the draft. He has not seen JULIUS ROSENBERG since that time. He has never corresponded with JULIUS ROSENBERG. He has not been recruited by JULIUS ROSENBERG, DAVID GREENGLASS, or anyone else, and has never furnished any information to JULIUS ROSENBERG, DAVID GREENGLASS, or any one else.

After leaving New York City about October, 1940, he traveled to the west coast and back to El Paso, Texas. During January, 1941 he married CATALINA VILLA ^{Feit} a citizen of the United States, at Juarez, Mexico. He divorced CATALINA VILLA at Juarez, Mexico, during July, 1949. Soon after he first married CATALINA VILLA in January, 1941, he took her on a visit to New York City and remained in New York City until approximately January, 1942. He does not recall exactly whether or not he visited in the TESSIE GREENGLASS home during this time and does not definitely recall whether or not he even saw or talked with either DAVID GREENGLASS or ETHEL GREENGLASS during this period of time. He is sure that he has not seen or corresponded with either DAVID GREENGLASS or ETHEL GREENGLASS since January, 1942. He and his wife left New York City in January, 1942 and returned to El Paso, Texas where they resided at 504 South Campbell, El Paso, Texas. Shortly thereafter he was employed for approximately one month at the Kaiser Shipyards No. 3, Richmond, California. Thereafter he worked for the Pacific Steel Company at Niles, California. He entered the Submarine Service of the United States Navy in November, 1942, and returned to the United States from overseas April 20, 1945. His Navy Serial Number is 7212458.

He and his wife thereafter resided at Decoto, California. Subsequent to his divorce from CATALINA VILLA during July, 1949, he returned to New York City but during this visit did not see any of the GREENGLASS family. His mother, FRIEDA FEIT, "kicked him out" of her home during this visit because he was not working and not contributing to the support of the family. He has always been considered "the black sheep" in his family and since he first left his home in New York City in October, 1940, has lived principally among people of Mexican extraction in the southwest.

Mrs. Seymour Feit

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From February to April, 1950, he was employed as a bus boy at the San Marcus Hotel at Chandler, Arizona. During May, June, and July, 1950, he received his mail at Post Office Box 259, Chandler, Arizona, and resided in a place in the rear of a cafe, name unknown, in Chandler, Arizona. Since about July 25, 1950, he has resided alone in a cabin at Queen's Creek, Arizona, and during this time has been employed as a fry cook at the Officers' Club, at nearby Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Arizona at a salary of \$150 per month plus his eats. His hours of work on this job are from 4:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He obtained this job through the Arizona Employment Service, Mesa, Arizona.

He first learned of the fact that JULIUS ROSENBERG and DAVID GREENGLASS have been engaged in espionage activities through the newspapers. This news came as a distinct shock to him because he had never thought of either of these persons becoming engaged in that kind of activity. He stated he has never been a member of the Communist Party; has never attended any Communist Party meetings, and has never, to his knowledge, knowingly read any Communist Party literature. To his knowledge there have never been any Communist Party meetings or affairs held in the home of TESSIE GREENGLASS at 64 Sheriff Street, New York City. He does not recall ever having observed any Communist Party literature at this address. He has never been asked to join the Communist Party by any one at any time. He is not in sympathy with the espionage activities of his first cousin, DAVID GREENGLASS or JULIUS ROSENBERG, the husband of his first cousin ETHEL GREENGLASS and if he knew any information concerning these persons he would be more than willing to furnish such information to this Bureau.

He was born and reared in the Jewish religion. He attended the Seward Park High School and left high school during his second year while attending Roosevelt School in Bronx, New York City. Since he has lived among people of Mexican extraction in the southwest, he has become a member of the Catholic Church.

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